AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A disc apparatus, comprising:

a pair of disc devices combined vertically or horizontally, arranged in a half-height drive bay configured in a front face of an information device[[,]];

a first ~~bottom~~ panel of a first case of a first device of the pair of disc devices[[,]];

~~a top panel or~~ a second ~~bottom~~ panel of a second case of a second device of the pair of disc devices[[,]];

wherein at least one of the first or second cases has at least one threaded hole at a side of the at least one case for mounting onto a main body of the information device[[,]]; and

wherein the first ~~bottom~~ panel and ~~the top panel or~~ the second ~~bottom~~ panel are integrated by a connecting means attached to the first ~~bottom~~ panel and ~~the top panel or~~ the second ~~bottom~~ panel[[,]];

wherein the connecting means includes a protruded portion for clamping the second panel thereto;

wherein the connecting means is interposed between the first panel and the second panel;

wherein the second panel includes a slit portion; and

wherein the protruded portion is inserted into the slit portion of the second panel and slid to clamp the second panel on the connecting means.

2. (Currently amended) The disc apparatus according to Claim 1 ~~or 12~~,;

wherein the first ~~bottom~~ panel of the first case of the first device and ~~the top panel or~~ the second ~~bottom~~ panel of the second case of the second device are integrated by the connecting means for engaging both panels with each other to be arranged in the half-height drive bay[[,]];

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wherein ~~the connecting means includes at least one connecting member~~ the protruded portion has at least one angle piece formed at one or more ends of the connecting means; and

wherein the slit portion has at least one slit passing through to the inside of the second panel and formed at one or more sides of the second panel.

3. (Currently amended) The disc apparatus according to Claim 1 [[or 12]], wherein the cases of the pair of disc devices are integrated by opposing the cases to fit an outline in an opening of the half-height drive bay.

4. (Currently amended) The disc apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the first ~~bottom~~ panel and the second ~~bottom~~ panel of the cases of the pair of disc devices are opposed to each other.

5. (Previously presented) The disc apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the outline of the case of a single device of the pair of the disc devices has a thickness of 19 mm to 20.54 mm, and a width of 145.5 mm to 146.5 mm.

6. (Currently amended) The disc apparatus according to Claim 1 [[or 12]], wherein push buttons for loading/unloading a disc tray are provided at both side ends of a bezel.

7. (Currently amended) A disc device to be arranged in a drive bay configured in an information device, comprising:

a first disc drive and a second disc drive[[,]];

wherein a first ~~bottom~~ panel of a case of the first disc drive and ~~a top panel or~~ a second ~~bottom~~ panel of a case of the second disc drive are integrated by a connecting means attached to the first ~~bottom~~ panel and ~~the top panel or~~ the second ~~bottom~~ panel for engaging both panels with each other to be arranged in the drive bay[[,]];

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wherein the connecting means includes ~~at least one connecting member~~ a protruded portion for clamping the second panel thereto;

wherein the connecting means is interposed between the first panel and the second panel;

wherein the second panel includes a slit portion; and

wherein the protruded portion is inserted into the slit portion of the second panel and slid to clamp the second panel on the connecting means.

8. (Previously presented) The disc device according to Claim 7, wherein an outline of the cases of the first and second integrated disc drives is fitted in an opening of the drive bay.

9. (Currently amended) The disc device according to Claim 7, wherein the first ~~bottom~~ panel and the second ~~bottom~~ panel of the cases of the first and second disc drives are opposed to each other.

10. (Previously presented) The disc device according to Claim 7, wherein an outline of the case of a single disc drive has a thickness of 19 mm to 20.65 mm, and a width of 145.5 mm to 146.5 mm.

11. (Previously presented) The disc device according to Claim 7, wherein push buttons for loading/unloading a disc tray of each disc drive are provided at both side ends of a bezel.

12. (Currently amended) The disc apparatus according to Claim [[1,]]7:

wherein ~~the first device and the second device are integrated into a unit by the connecting means fixed to the first bottom panel by at least one screw and at least one portion of the connecting means inserted into at least one slit of the top panel or the second bottom panel~~ the

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protruded portion has at least one angle piece formed at one or more ends of the connecting means; and

wherein the slit portion has at least one slit passing through to the inside of the second panel and formed at one or more sides of the second panel.

13. (Currently amended) The disc apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein the first device comprises a first disc tray having a ~~first top~~ third surface for putting a first disc, the second device comprises a second disc tray having a ~~second top~~ fourth surface for putting a second disc, and the ~~first top~~ third surface and the ~~second top~~ fourth surface are opposed to each other.

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